

Monday, September 27, 1976

Senate

Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages 32378-32486***Bills Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 15136, authorizing funds for construction and repair of typhoon-damaged facilities on Guam, with amendments (S. Rept. 94-1309); and

S. 3553, to define the jurisdiction of United States courts in suits against foreign states, with amendments (S. Rept. 94-1310).

Pages 32401-32402, 32485

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 209, authorizing corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 5546, authorizing funds to extend health professions training and health maintenance programs.

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Associate SBA Administrator: By unanimous vote of 73 yeas, Senate passed S. 2613, to change the title and duties of the associate SBA Administrator for Finance and Investment, after agreeing to committee amendment which had at first been amended by adoption of:

(1) Sparkman unprinted amendment No. 485, to permit the SBA to participate in building of residences; and

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(2) Sparkman unprinted amendment No. 486, to permit small business investment companies to deposit funds in savings and loan institutions as they are now permitted to deposit funds in commercial banks.

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Pages 32402, 32403-32405

Farm Products: Senate agreed to the House amendments to Senate amendments Nos. 2 and 3 to H.R. 10339, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to provide information and technical assistance to encourage the direct marketing of farm products from farmer to the consumer, thus clearing the measure for the President.

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Attorneys' Fees: Senate continued consideration of S. 2278, to allow a court to award attorneys' fees to a prevailing party in suits brought to enforce certain civil rights acts, rejecting the following four amendments:

(1) Allen amendment No. 2388, barring the awarding of attorneys' fees, with certain exceptions (tabled by 52 yeas to 20 nays);

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(2) Thurmond amendment No. 2409, to require a court to order a defendant instituting an action to pay attorneys' fees to the other party where that proceeding is found to be frivolous (tabled by 51 yeas to 25 nays);

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(3) Helms amendment No. 2392, to require a party seeking to recover legal fees to demonstrate bad faith of

the other party in maintaining the suit (tabled by 55 yeas to 19 nays); and

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(4) Allen amendment No. 2391, to amend Public Law 92-261 (Equal Employment Opportunity Act) so as to bar the payment of attorneys' fees (tabled by 55 yeas to 20 nays).

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Also during consideration of this bill today Senate, by votes of 64 yeas to 4 nays and 66 yeas to 5 nays, agreed to motions to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the presence of absent Senators.

Pages 32388, 32395-32396

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ERDA Authorizations: Senate disagreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 13350, authorizing funds for the Energy Research and Development Administration for fiscal year 1977, agreed to conference with the House, and appointed as conferees Senators Pastore, Symington, Montoya, Jackson, Church, Johnston, Abourezk, Bumpers, Baker, Case, Fannin, Hansen, and Hatfield.

Pages 32402-32403

Copyright Laws: Senate disagreed to the House amendment to S. 22, to provide for a general revision of the copyright laws, agreed to conference with the House, and appointed as conferees Senators McClellan, Hart of Michigan, Burdick, Scott of Pennsylvania, and Fong.

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Bills Referred: Numerous House-passed bills were referred to appropriate Senate committees.

Also, S. Con. Res. 161, expressing the objection of the Congress to the proposed sale of missiles to Saudi Arabia, reported on Friday, September 24, was recommitted to Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pages 32380, 32383

Bills Held at Desk: The following three bills were received and ordered to be held at the desk: H.R. 15246, to clarify the Service Contract Act; H.R. 6507, a private bill; and H.J. Res. 1008, National Volunteer Firemen Week.

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Messages From the House: Three messages were received from the House today.

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Amendments Submitted for Printing:

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Change of Conferee: Senator Bumpers was appointed to replace Senator Metcalf as a conferee on S. 3091, to establish guidelines for improved management of the National Forest System.

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Committee Authority To Sit: Several committees were authorized to sit during the sessions of the Senate on specified days this week.

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Unanimous-Consent Agreements: By unanimous consent it was agreed that when Senate considers (on Tuesday, September 28) S. 3823, omnibus rivers and harbors control bill, time for debate thereon will be limited to 2 hours; with 30 minutes on amendments;

with no time limitation on so-called user charges provisions or on the matter of Lock and Dam No. 26; and if not disposed of within an 8-hour period the bill may be set aside by the Leadership.

Also, Leadership was authorized to call up at any time this week H.J. Res. 1105, continuing appropriations; conference report on H.R. 13367, revenue sharing bill; conference report on H.R. 14260, foreign aid appropriations; and conference report on S. 2657, education amendments.

Also, it was agreed that the Leadership may call up at any time this week (except on Tuesday, September 28) H.R. 10210, unemployment compensation amendments.

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Nominations: Senate received the following nominations:

Lowell Bruce Laingen, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta; and

Robert P. Smith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana.

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today (total—654).

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Recess: Senate met at 10 a.m., and recessed at 6:03 p.m.

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Committee Meetings

ALTERNATE FUELS

Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences: Subcommittee on Aerospace Technology and National Needs held hearings on the need for NASA to develop new aircraft engine technology to utilize fuels of the future, receiving testimony from Raymond M. Standahar, Staff Specialist for Propulsion, Office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, accompanied by his associates; Robert E. Smiley, Associate Administrator for Aeronautics, accompanied by his associates, all of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Dr. Jerry Grey, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, New York City; and Edward Woll, General Electric Company, Lynn, Massachusetts.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—SUPPLEMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held hearings on proposed supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1977 for the postal service, receiving testimony from Postmaster General W. F. Bolger, who was accompanied by his associates.

Hearings were adjourned subject to call.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BILLS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Committee approved the following bills:

H.R. 10826, to prohibit the unauthorized use of a

motor vehicle in the District of Columbia obtained under a written rental or other agreement;

H.R. 14971, to authorize the District of Columbia Government to borrow from the U.S. Treasury to finance capital works projects; and to change, from November 1 to February 1, the date by which the Mayor of D.C. must submit his annual financial statement to the city council (amended); and

H.R. 15276, to grant the U.S. Park Police any cost-of-living increase given other Federal workers.

F-14 AIRCRAFT SALE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations resumed hearings to receive testimony on the sale of F-14 type aircraft to Iran by Grumman Aerospace Corporation in the years 1972-1974, receiving testimony from Secretary of the Army Martin R. Hoffman; and Ellis Williamson, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were adjourned subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Michael F. Starr, of Louisiana, to be Director of Intergovernmental, Regional, and Special Programs, Federal Energy Administration, after receiving testimony from Michael F. Butler, General Counsel, Federal Energy Administration, and the nominee.

COMMITTEE SYSTEM

Temporary Select Committee To Study Senate Committees: Committee continued consideration of a proposal to deal with the Senate committee jurisdictional problem, but did not complete action thereon and will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 15701-15713; 2 private bills, H.R. 15714 and 15715; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 1110 and 1111, H. Con. Res. 767-773; and H. Res. 1574 and 1575, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 8002, to designate certain lands in the Point Reyes National Seashore, California, as wilderness (H. Rept. 94-1680);

H.R. 9126, to authorize the establishment of the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site (H. Rept. 94-1681);

H.R. 13789, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol

to perform certain work on and maintain the historical sections of the Congressional Cemetery for a 2-year period, and to authorize a study by the Secretary of the Interior to formulate proposals for renovation and permanent maintenance of such sections by the United States (H. Rept. 94-1682);

H.R. 15122, to amend the National Trails System Act (H. Rept. 94-1683);

S. 64, to provide for the addition of the names of the States of Alaska and Hawaii to the list of the forty-eight States inscribed upon the walls of the Lincoln National Memorial (H. Rept. 94-1684);

H. Res. 1557, to provide funds for the expenses of the investigations and studies to be conducted by the Select Committee on Assassinations (H. Rept. 94-1685);

H. Res. 1563, providing additional funds for the expenses of the Committee on House Administration to provide for maintenance and improvement of ongoing computer services for the Committees on Appropriations and the Committee on the Budget of the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 94-1686);

H.R. 13714, to amend the act approved January 8, 1971, establishing the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, to provide that a segment of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal shall be designated in honor of the memory of Justice William O. Douglas (H. Rept. 94-1687), the foregoing reports were filed on Friday, September 24;

Report entitled "Report on Chemical Dangers in the Workplace" (H. Rept. 94-1688);

Conference report on H.R. 12566, authorizing appropriations for the National Science Foundation for fiscal year 1977 (H. Rept. 94-1689);

H.R. 15007, to provide for the presentation and enhancement of critical habitat for migratory waterfowl and other wetlands-dependent migratory birds of the Pacific Flyway in the Grasslands area of the San Joaquin Valley, California (H. Rept. 94-1690);

H. Res. 1558, opposing the granting of permanent residence in the United States to certain aliens (H. Rept. 94-1691);

H.R. 8643, to authorize the home production of beer, amended (H. Rept. 94-1692);

H.R. 8989, Indian Tribal Governmental Tax Status Act, amended (H. Rept. 94-1693);

H.R. 11486, to modify the requirements regarding private operating foundations, amended (H. Rept. 94-1694);

Conference report on S. 2981, to authorize appropriations for the Indian Claims Commission for fiscal year 1977 (H. Rept. 94-1695);

H.R. 10179, to designate the new Poe lock on the Saint Marys River at Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan, as the "John A. Blatnik lock" (H. Rept. 94-1696);

H.R. 10811, to provide that the reservoir formed by the lock and dam referred to as the "Jones Bluff Lock

and Dam" on the Alabama River, Alabama, shall hereafter be known as the R. E. "Bob" Woodruff Reservoir (H. Rept. 94-1697);

H.R. 12896, to name the Veterans' Administration hospital located at 13000 North Thirtieth Street, Tampa, Florida, the "James A. Haley Veterans' Administration Hospital," amended (H. Rept. 94-1698);

H.R. 13948, to designate the United States Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Mississippi, as the "Will M. Whittington Waterways Experiment Station" (H. Rept. 94-1699);

H.R. 15671, to name the Veterans' Administration hospital located at 200 Springs Road, Bedford, Massachusetts, the "Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans' Hospital" (H. Rept. 94-1700);

Conference report on S. 2657, Education Amendments of 1976 (H. Rept. 94-1701); and

H.R. 15636, Water Resources Development Act of 1976 (H. Rept. 94-1702).

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Presidential Veto Messages: Received and read messages from the President wherein he announced his vetoes of, and explained his reasons therefor, the following:

Indian Employment: H.R. 5465, to provide employment preference for certain employees of the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs—referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service and ordered printed (H. Doc. 94-624); and

Automotive Research: H.R. 13655, Automotive Transport Research and Development Act of 1976—ordered printed (H. Doc. 92-625). Subsequently, further consideration of the veto message on H.R. 13655 was postponed to Wednesday, September 29.

Pages 32490-32491

Treaty of Friendship With Spain: House insisted on its amendments to S. 3557, to implement Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between the United States and Spain; and agreed to a conference asked by the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Morgan, Zablocki, Fascell, Rosenthal, Solarz, Broomfield, and Winn.

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Committee To Sit: Subcommittee on Retirement Income and Employment of the Select Committee on Aging received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to file a conference report by midnight tonight on S. 2657, Education Amendments of 1976.

Pages 32495-32563

Rail Amendments: By a yea-and-nay vote of 317 yeas to 49 nays, the House passed H.R. 14932, Rail Amendments of 1976.

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended.

Agreed To:

An amendment that permits reimbursement for claims arising out of contracts to provide a suitable railroad passenger station if the railroad is in reorganization;

An amendment that deletes language requiring a study of freight transportation in the midwest;

An amendment that provides indemnification against costs resulting from judgments pertaining to rail marine freight floating equipment;

An amendment that strikes language concerning deficiency judgment protection and expiration of options; A clarifying amendment;

An amendment that strikes language permitting reimbursement for claims of employees arising under previous collective-bargaining agreements;

An amendment that adds a new section requiring the Interstate Commerce Commission to study the rail problems of the Delmarva peninsula;

An amendment that changes the effective date of the Act to October 1, 1976;

An amendment that permits the Secretary certain discretionary authority when escrow funds are to be used for a rail reorganization plan;

An amendment that adds a new section on payment for personal injury claims for third parties; and

An amendment that defines the level of rail passenger service for purposes of the obligations of the Secretary to reimburse the Corporation.

Rejected an amendment that sought to remove the power of unions to veto acquisitions under rail reorganization.

Subsequently, this passage was vacated and S. 3131, a similar Senate-passed bill, was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the language of H.R. 14932 and H.R. 13601 as passed by the House. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill.

The House then insisted on its amendments and asked a conference with the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Staggers, Rooney, Adams, Metcalfe, Santini, Skubitz, and Madigan.

H. Res. 1548, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 297 yeas with 3 voting "present."

Pages 32563-32584

Sale of Naval Vessels: By a voice vote, the House passed S. 3734, to approve the sale of certain naval vessels—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages 32584-32585

Foreign Assistance Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 155 nays, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 14260, making appropriations for foreign assistance and related programs for fiscal year 1977—clearing the measure for Senate action.

The House receded and concurred in Senate amendments numbered 3, 5, 21, 23, 26, and 27.

The House receded and concurred with amendment to the Senate amendments numbered 7, 17, 20, 24, and 35 and returned the measure to the Senate for further action.

Pages 32585-32594

Continuing Appropriations: By a voice vote, the House passed H.J. Res. 1105, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1977.

Agreed to the committee amendment.

Pages 32594-32597

Resource Conservation and Recovery: By a yea-and-nay vote of 367 yeas to 8 nays, the House passed H.R. 14496, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976.

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended.

Agreed to an amendment in the nature of a substitute similar to the committee substitute which amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

Subsequently, this passage was vacated and S. 2150, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the language of H.R. 14496 as passed by the House. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill.

H. Res. 1533, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 374 yeas.

Pages 32597-32633

Rail Amendments: Objection was heard to a request that the Speaker be authorized to appoint an additional three conferees to the conference on S. 3131, Rail Amendments of 1976.

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Military Medical Malpractice: The House concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 3954, to provide for an exclusive remedy against the United States in suits based upon medical malpractice on the part of military or civilian medical personnel of the armed forces—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages 32633-32635

Coast Guard Academy: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 11407, to authorize the admission of additional foreign nationals to the Coast Guard Academy—clearing the measure for the President.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to file a report by midnight tonight on S. 2981, to authorize appropriations for the Indian Claims Commission for fiscal year 1977.

Pages 32635-32636

Interior and Insular Affairs: By unanimous consent, the House agreed to the following bills from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs:

Philip A. Hart Visitors' Center: S. 3843, to name the Visitors' Center at the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore the "Philip A. Hart Visitors' Center"—clearing the measure for the President;

National Trail System: H.R. 15122, to amend the National Trails System Act. Subsequently, this passage was

vacated and S. 2112, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the language of H.R. 15122 as passed by the House. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill;

Wild and Scenic Rivers: H.R. 15422, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, amended. Subsequently, this passage was vacated and S. 1506, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the language of H.R. 15422 as passed by the House. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill;

Land and Water Conservation: H.R. 11061, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended, amended;

Congressional Cemetery: H.R. 13789, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to perform certain work on and maintain the historical sections of the Congressional Cemetery for a two-year period, amended. Subsequently, this passage was vacated and S. 3441, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the language of H.R. 13789 as passed by the House. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill;

Lincoln National Memorial: S. 64, to provide for the addition of the names of the States of Alaska and Hawaii to the list of the forty-eight States inscribed upon the walls of the Lincoln National Memorial, amended—returning the measure to the Senate;

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal: H.R. 13714, to provide that a segment of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal shall be designated in honor of the memory of Justice William O. Douglas, amended. Subsequently, this passage was vacated and S. 2742, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the language of H.R. 13714 as passed by the House. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill; and

Eugene O'Neill Historic Site: H.R. 9126, to authorize the establishment of the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site, amended. Subsequently, this passage was vacated and S. 2398, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the language of H.R. 9126 as passed by the House. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill.

Pages 32636–32648

Wilderness Lands: By a voice vote, the House passed H.R. 15446, to designate certain lands as wilderness.

Agreed to the committee amendments.

Rejected an amendment that sought to remove the Kaiser Ridge area from consideration for designation as wilderness.

Subsequently, this passage was vacated and S. 1026, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the language of H.R. 15446 as passed by the House.

Pages 32648–32654

Perjury in Federal Proceedings: By a voice vote, the House passed H.R. 15531, to permit the use of unsworn declarations under penalty of perjury as evidence in Federal proceedings.

Pages 32654–32655

Rail Amendments: Objection was again heard to a request that the Speaker be authorized to appoint an additional three conferees to the conference on S. 3131, Rail Amendments of 1976.

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Health Manpower: A point of order was sustained against the conference report on H.R. 5546, Health Professions Educational Assistance Act of 1976.

Subsequently, agreed to a motion that the House recede and concur with amendment to the Senate amendment. Agreed to H. Con. Res. 767, authorizing the Clerk to make certain corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 5546.

Pages 32655–32714

Rail Amendments: The Speaker was authorized to appoint three additional conferees to the conference on S. 3131, Rail Amendments of 1976. Subsequently, Representatives Florio, Russo, and Devine were appointed.

Pages 32714–32715

Arts, Humanities, and Cultural Affairs: By a voice vote, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 12838, Arts, Humanities, and Cultural Affairs Act of 1976—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages 32715–32719

Natural Gas Pipeline Safety: A point of order was sustained against the conference report on H.R. 12168, Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act Amendments of 1976.

By a yea-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 151 nays, the House agreed to a motion that the House recede and concur with amendment to the Senate amendment.

Pages 32719–32726

Meeting Hour: By a yea-and-nay vote of 300 yeas to 14 nays, agreed to a motion that the House meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 28.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Select Committee on Aging: Subcommittee on Retirement Income and Employment held a hearing on funding of Federal programs benefiting the elderly relating to employment. Testimony was heard from Representative Brademas, and Michael Balzano, Director of ACTION.

REBIRTH OF THE AMERICAN CITY

Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing: Continued hearings on rebirth of the American city with testimony from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights met for consideration of an investigative report.

PROPOSED SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA

Committee on International Relations: Held an executive hearing on H. Con. Res. 739, disapproving the proposed sale of a certain defense article to Saudi Arabia. Testimony was heard from Representative Fascell; Alfred L. Atherton, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State, Near East and South Asian Affairs; and Lt. Gen. H. M. Fish, Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency.

ACTIVITIES OF KOREAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN UNITED STATES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Organizations held a hearing on activities of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency in the United States—Part II. Testimony was heard from Chris Elkins, former member of the Freedom Leadership Foundation.

Hearings continue Thursday, September 30.

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID FRAUD

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Environment began markup of H.R. 15536, to strengthen the capability of the Government to detect, prosecute, and punish fraudulent activities under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

NAPHTHA JET FUEL PROPOSED EXEMPTION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on Energy Actions Nos. 6 and 7, dealing with the proposed exemption of naphtha jet fuel from mandatory petroleum price and allocation regulations. Testimony was heard from representatives of Federal Energy Administration; and Department of Defense.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN HOUSING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights continued oversight hearings on equal opportunity in Housing. Testimony was heard from Robert C. Coon, Director, Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans' Administration.

MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment held an oversight hearing relating to

the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Department and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL DRUG PROGRAM

Select Committee on Narcotics: Continued hearings on the Federal drug program with testimony from State Department officials.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

GOVERNMENT PATENT POLICY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on DISPA continued hearings on Government patent policy. Testimony was heard from Franz O. Ohlson, Jr., Aerospace Industries Association of America, Inc.; and Charles S. Haughey, Hughes Aircraft Corp.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Activities of Regulatory Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Trade Commission with testimony from FTC Chairman Calvin Collier.

Joint Committee Meetings**INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION**

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 2981, authorizing funds for the Indian Claims Commission for fiscal year 1977.

NATIONAL FOREST MANAGEMENT

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 3091, to establish guidelines for improved management of the National Forest System, but did not reach final agreement thereon and will meet again tomorrow.

CRIME CONTROL

Conferees continued in an evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 2212, authorizing funds through fiscal year 1981 for programs of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

REVENUE SHARING

Conferees continued in an evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 13367, to extend through fiscal year 1982 the State and Fiscal Assistance Act (revenue sharing program).